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1 IN PROCESS OF REACHING DECISION TO ASK BOITER FOR HIS
RESIGNATION, NEW RFE/RL TOP MANAGEMENT HERE REVIEWED
RELATIONSHIP OF SAMIZDAT MATERIALS TO RL'S MISSION AND
REACHED CONCLUSION THAT SAMIZDAT'S BASIC IMPORTANCE LIES IN ITS
USE AS SOURCE OF PROGRAMMING. SAMIZDAT DOCUMENTS WHICH ARE NOT
REPEAT NOT USED IN PROGRAMMING ARE, IN RFE/RL'S MANAGEMENT'S
VIEW, ESSENTIALLY BY-PRODUCT.

2. AS OF JULY 1977, ALL SAMIZDAT MATERIALS WHICH COME TO ANY
REPEAT ANY RL EMPLOYEE ARE TO BE GIVEN IMMEDIATELY TO "SAMIZDAT
CUSTODIAN," PETER DORNAN. DORNAN WILL REGISTER EACH DOCUMENT
AND, IN COORDINATION WITH RL PROGRAMMERS AND POLICY OFFICE,
DECIDE WHETHER IT IS TO BE PROCESSED FOR BROADCAST USE OR TO BE
KEPT ONLY FOR REFERENCE.

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3. DOCUMENTS WHICH ARE NOT PROCESSED FOR BROADCAST USE WILL
BE STORED AT RL IN DORNAN'S CUSTODY. SCHOLARS AND OTHER PERSONS
WITH LEGITIMATE INTEREST IN THESE DOCUMENTS CAN BE PERMITTED
TO HAVE ACCESS TO THEM ON RFE/RL PREMISES, SPACE PERMITTING,
IF A SCHOLAR WISHES TO HAVE A TYPED COPY OF SUCH A DOCUMENT,
HE WILL BE HCARGED THE APPROPRIATE FEE.

4. NEW RFE/RL TOP MANAGEMENT HERE TAKES POSITION THAT RFE/RL, INC. IS NOT REPEAT NOT FUNDED FOR EXTERNAL DISTRIBUTION OF SAMIZDAT. THE RL SAMIZDAT CUSTODIAN IS BEING INSTRUCTED TO SUPPLY SAMIZDAT ARCHIV, E. V. WITH COPIES OF ALL SETS OF SAMIZDAT DOCUMENTS PREPARED FOR BROADCAST USE. AS LONG AS VEREIN REMAINS VIABLE, RFE/RL MANAGEMENT PRESUMES IT WILL CONTINUE TO TYPE ITS OWN COVER SHEET FOR THESE DOCUMENTS AND DISTRIBUTE THEM TO VARIOUS END-USERS, INCLUDING THE FOLLOWING EIGHT INSTITUTIONS: LIBRARY OF CONGRESS; BRITISH MUSEUM; BAVARIAN STATE LIBRARY; BODELIAN LIBRARY; OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY; MIT; HOOVER INSTITUTE; AND UNIVERSITY FO AMSTERDAM. RFE/RL MANAGEMENT TAKES VIEW THAT VEREIN'S PROCESSING AND INDEXING SERVICES MUST BE OF SOME VALUE TO SUBSCRIBERS OR ELSE SUBSCRIBERS WOULD NOT PAY FOR THEM.

5. RFE/RL MANAGEMENT PLANS TO INSIST THAT VEREIN REVISE THE LEGEND ON COVER SHEET IT ATTACHES WHEN IT DISTRIBUTES THE SETS OF DOCUMENTS IT RECEIVES FROM RL. THE NEW LEGEND WILL DISAVOW ANY SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE VEREIN AND RL.

6. IF VEREIN SHOULD FOLD, RFE/RL MANAGEMENT HOPES THAT ONE OF EXISTING "BIG EIGHT" SUBSCRIBERS MIGHT TAKE OVER THE DISTRIBUTION FOR THE OTHERS. IF THERE WERE NO RPEAT NO VOLUNTEERS, CONGEN BELIEVES RFE/RL MANAGEMENT WOULD CONSIDER RESUMING ITS FORMER ROLE OF DISBRIBUTOR.

7. BOITER'S AFFILIATION WITH RL ENDS SEPTEMBER 5 WHEN HIS
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RESIGNATION TAKES EFFECT. HE WILL CONTINUE TO SERVE AS BUSINESS MANAGER OF VEREIN WHOSE OFFICES ARE LOCATED IN AN APARTMENT NEAR RFE/RL. BOITER IS NOT REPEAT NOT TO HAVE ANY ACCESS T THE UNPROCESSED SAMIZDAT WHICH COMES TO RL.

8. UNDERSTAND THAT PROFESSOR LOEBER HAS RESIGNED FROM VEREIN'S BOARD AND THAT PROFESSOR FELDBRUGGE OF LEYDEN HAS BECOME NEW BOARD CHAIRMAN. PROFESSOR VARDYS OF UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA HAS REPORTEDLY ALSO BECOME BOARD MEMBER.

9. MARTIN DEWHURST HAS RESIGNED FROM VEREIN EFFECTIVE AUGUST 15. UNDERSTAND THAT HE MAY WORK FOR CHALIDZE'S "KHRONIKA PRESS" WITH FORD FOUNDATION FUNDING. POSSIBILITY THAT HE MIGHT BE

HIRED BY RL TO WORK WITH DORNAN IS REMOTE BECAUSE OF BUDGETARY CONSIDERATIONS.

10. RFE/RL MANAGEMENT HERE TAKES POSITION THAT QUESTION OF FUNDING FOR VEREIN IS ESSSENTIALLY THE BUSINESS OF VEREIN'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS. CONGEN UNDERSTANDS, HOWEVER, THAT TWO PRIMARY SOURCES OF VEREIN'S FUNDING ARE: A) "NEWSLINE WEST," AN AFFILIATE OF "UNDERGROUND EVANGELISM" WHICH IS RELIGIOUS

ORGANIZATION BASED IN LOS ANGELES WHOSE FOUNDER AND PRESIDENT IS REPORTEDLY A MR. JOE BASS; AND B) A SWISS ORGANIZATION CALLED "GLAUBE IN DER ZWEITEN WELT." BOTH "UNDERGROUND EVANGELISM" AND "GLAUBE" APPARENTLY INSIST THAT THEY NOT REPEAT NOT BE IDENTIFIED PUBLICLY AS CONTRIBUTORS TO THE VEREIN. WE HAVE HEARD UNCONFIRMED REPORTS THAT POSSEV VERLAG RECENTLY RECEIVED A NEW PRINTING PRESS COURTESY OF UNDERGROUND EVANGELISM.

11. COMMENT. CONGEN IS NOT REPEAT NOT AT ALL SANGUINE ABOUT VEREIN'S ABILITY, WITHOUT ASSISTANCE OF DEWHURST OR SIMILARLY QUALIFIED SCHOLAR, TO FILE AND ANALYZE SAMIZDAT MATERIAL. (RFE/RL MANAGEMENT IS EQUALLY PESSIMISTIC.) WE BELIEVE THERE IS POSSIBILITY THAT VEREIN WILL FOLD, OR THAT BOITER WILL BE REPLACED AS BUSINESS MANAGER IN NOT TOO DISTANT CONFIDENTIAL

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FUTURE. WE WOULD BE WARY OF COMMITTING DEPARTMENT FUNDS IN ANY (REPEAT NAY) PROJECT WICH VEREIN MIGHT BE ASKED TO CARRY OUT UNDER BOITER'S SUPERVISION.

12. MUCH OF THE FOREGOING INFORMATION WAS ACQUIRED ON CONFIDENTIAL BASIS FROM RFE/RL MANAGEMENT. PLEASE PROTECT CONGEN AND SOURCE. GILMORE

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